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NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITIES IN COLOMBIA

SNAR-Statistics

The attached statistics, charts and graphs depict month-by-month results of the antinarcotics efforts of Colombia's combined enforcement agencies, namely, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), the National Police (NP) and Customs, which includes the Coast Guard.

During most of calendar year 1980, the military (chiefly the Army) was responsible for interdicting marihuana in the Guajira Peninsula, Colombia's north coast area where the production of marihuana is concentrated. A bilateral narcotics control project agreement with the Ministry of Defense was signed in November 1980, and the military was relieved of its narcotics interdiction responsibility the following month. In mid-December 1980, the NP began deploying company-size (110 men) units of trained, special antinarcotics personnel (SANU) to replace the military in the north coast area.

During 1981, marihuana seizures increased more than 345 percent, as compared to the results obtained in 1980. SANU companies are also being deployed to other parts of the country, including the Llanos (Eastern Plains).

Although the military no longer has the lead role in the interdiction of marihuana, it still supports the antinarcotics efforts of the other enforcement agencies, especially the NP, which is a part of the Ministry of Defense. The Colombian Air Force (FAC) has been exceptionally cooperative and has provided needed air support for antinarcotics activities on numerous occasions.

The OAG's Antinarcotics Unit (Judicial Police) has been focusing its efforts on interdicting methaqualone and destroying coca plants in the fields, consequently, methaqualone seizures are up 378 percent over 1980, while seizures of cocaine hydrochloride have dropped 64 percent.

The cultivation of coca in Colombia is more wi spread than originally believed and is increasing. Several field operations during the latter part of 1981 revealed that the tactical area covered in these operations amounted to less than one percent of the Llanos' capacity for growing coca. During these operations, approximately 400,000 coca plants were manually destroyed by the Judicial Police and 18 clandestine coca-paste laboratories were located and burned to the ground.

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Coca raw materials continue to enter Colombia from Peru and Bolivia. These materials (base and paste) are converted in Colombia to cocaine hydrochloride and enter the illicit trafficking network in that form. As previously mentioned, the antinarcotics efforts of the Judicial Police have been somewhat skewed, which adversely affected the interdiction of cocaine hydrochloride, while increasing the amount of methaqualone seized and coca plants destroyed.

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(Jan thru Dec 1980/1981)

Agency		Colombians	Foreigners	Totals
OAG	1980	58	1	59
	1981	68	6	74
Customs	1980	82	36	118
	1981	79	9	88
NP	1980	433	9	442
	1981	722	14	736
Military*	1980	787	57	844
	1981	---	---	---
DAS	1980	2	---	2
	1981	1	---	1
Totals	1980	1,362	103	1,465
	1981	870	29	899

Legend: OAG = Office of the Attorney General; NP = National Police; DAS = Department of Administrative Security

This chart is based entirely on statistics submitted by the GOC agencies involved in narcotics control.

* The military's responsibility for narcotics interdiction in the Guajira Peninsula ended November 1980, when nationwide jurisdiction was assigned to the NP's Special Antinarcotics Unit which is deployed in company-size groups.

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N A R C O T I C S S E I Z U R E S B Y A G E N C Y

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(Jan thru Dec 1980/1981)

Agency		Bulk Marihuana	Cocaine HCL	Cocaine Labs	(In dosage units) Methaqualone
OAG	1980	7.6 MT	564.1 K	13	3,561,000
	1981	---	70.9 K	22	39,556,000
Customs	1980	31.5 MT	228.7 K	---	174,427
	1981	99.1 MT	150.1 K	---	17,090,000
NP	1980	44.1 MT	745.9 K	41	763,580
	1981	3,207.4 MT	328.0 K	36	9,740,346
Military*	1980	660.6 MT	---	---	9,400,177
	1981	---	---	---	---
DAS	1980	---	6.5 K	---	---
	1981	3.4 MT	---	---	---
Totals	1980	743.8 MT	1,545.2 K	54	13,899,184
	1981	3,309.9 MT	549.0 K	58	66,386,346

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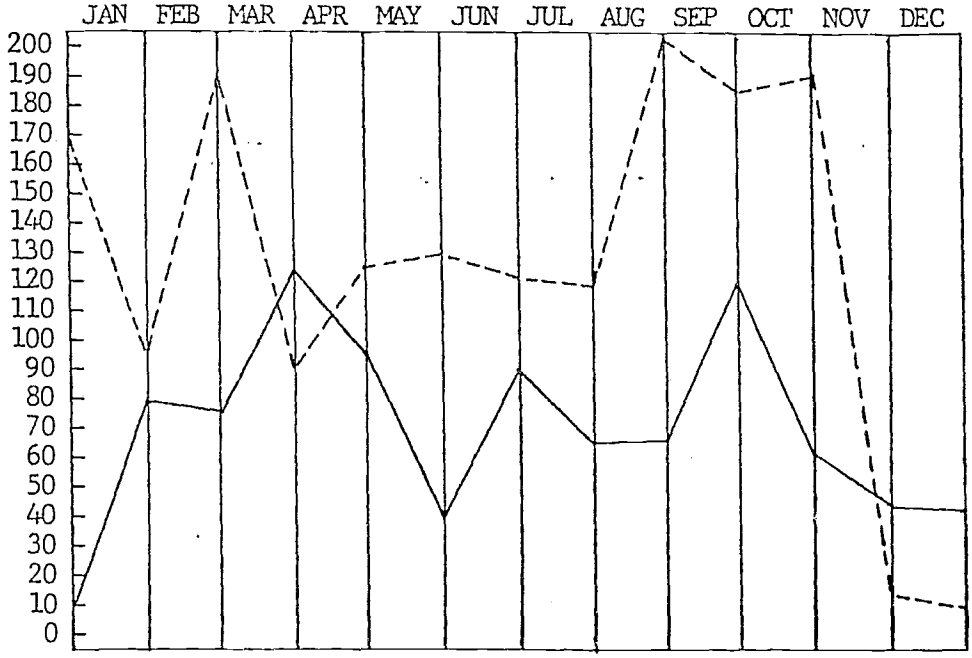
COMPARISON CHART OF NARCOTICS ARRESTS



Total: 899

Total: 1,465

Down 38.6%

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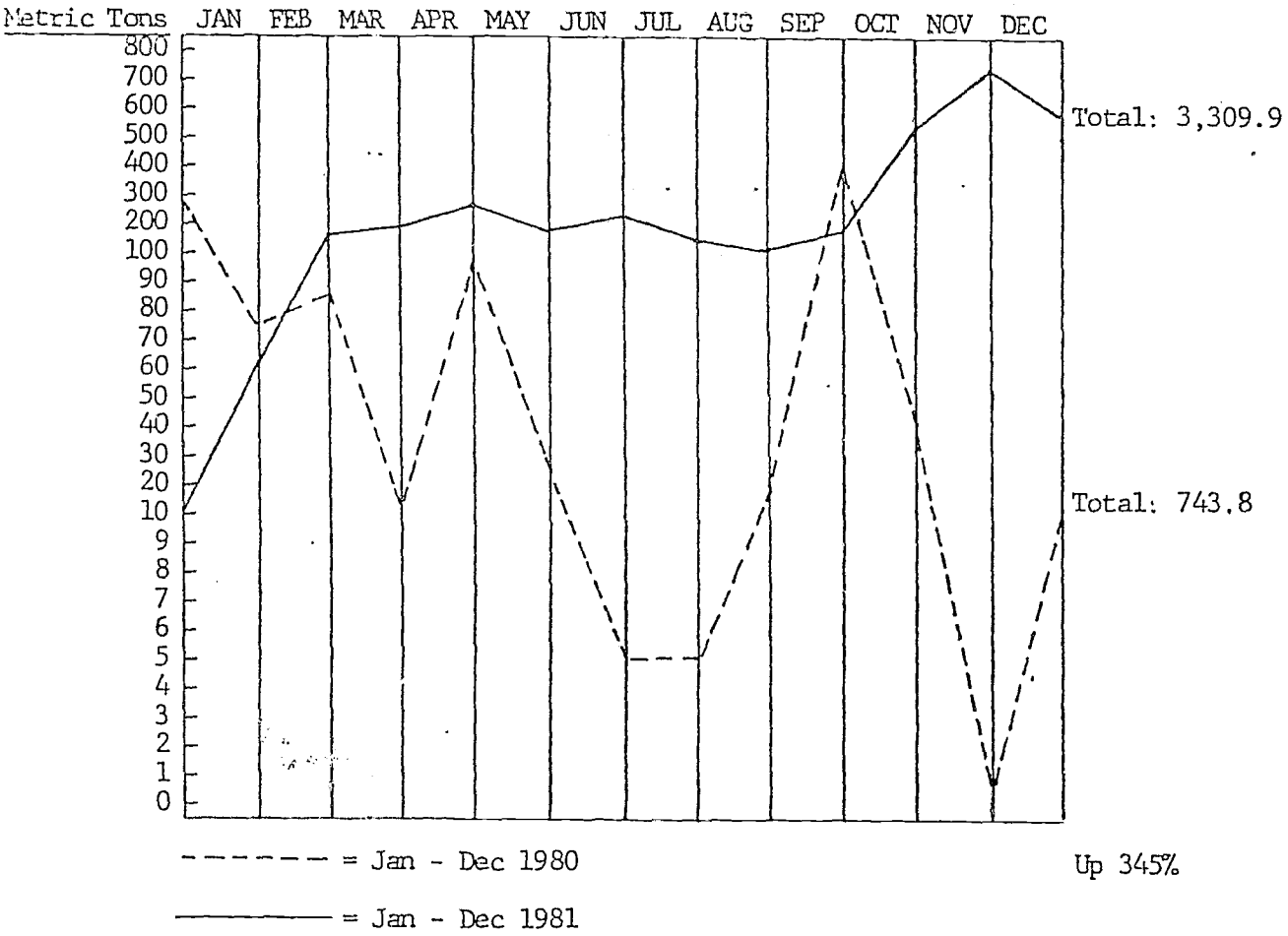
COMPARISON CHART OF BULK MARIHUANA SEIZURES



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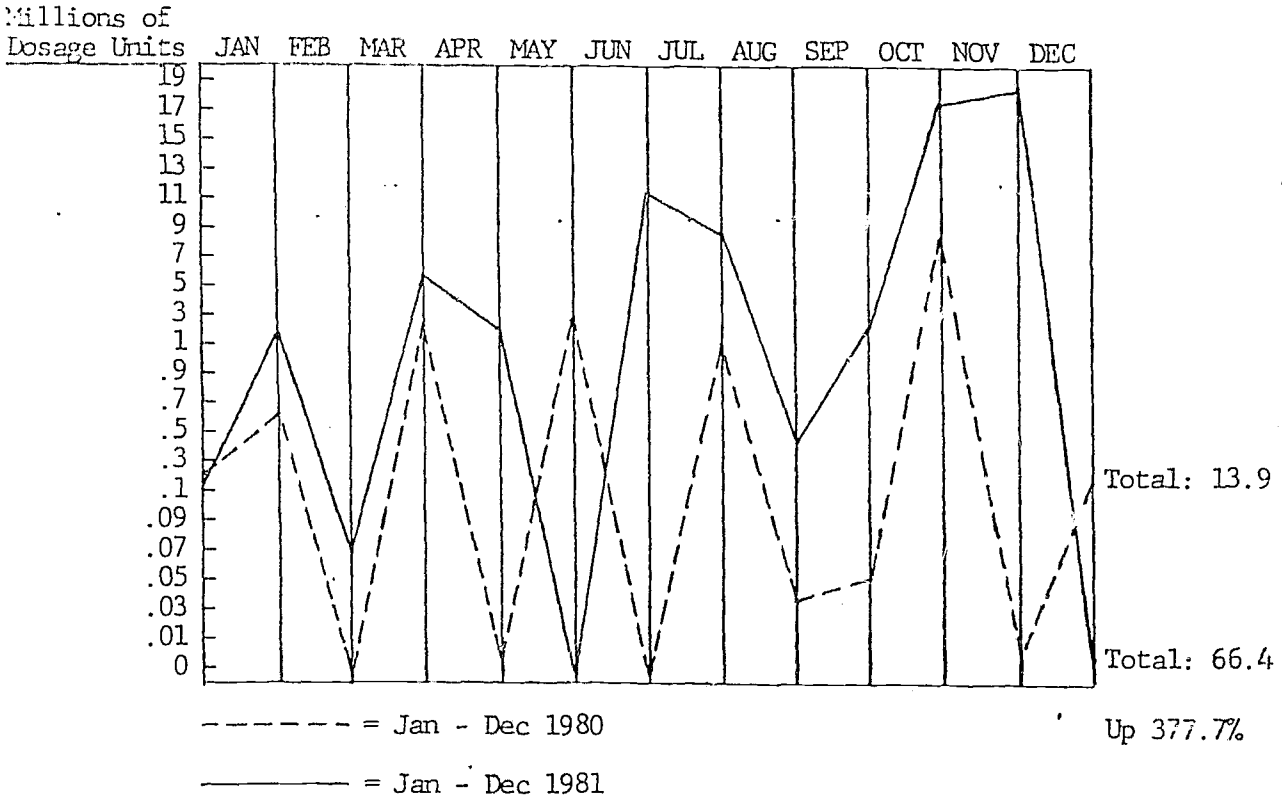
COMPARISON CHART OF METHAQUALONE SEIZURES



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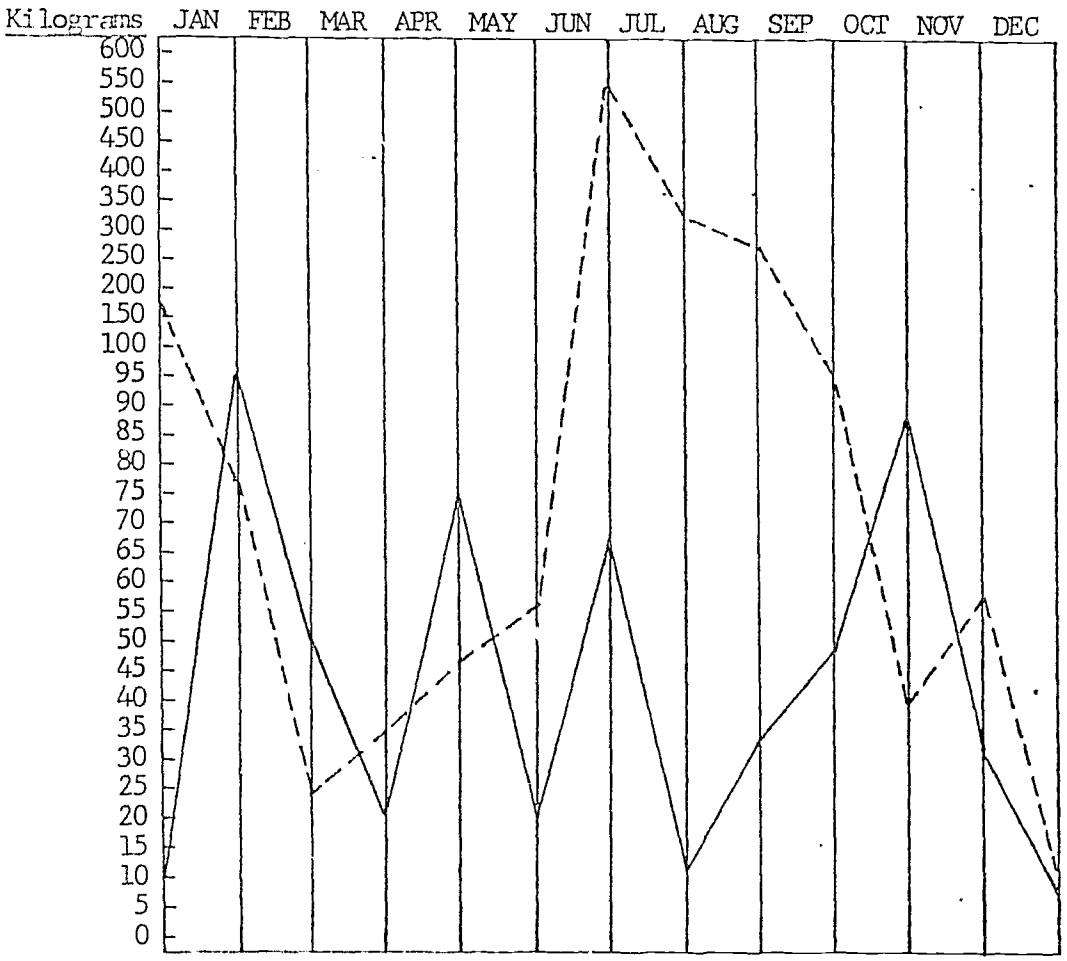
COMPARISON CHART OF COCAINE HCL SEIZURES



Total: 1,545.2
Total: 549.0

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Down 64.5%

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COMBINED AGENCIES

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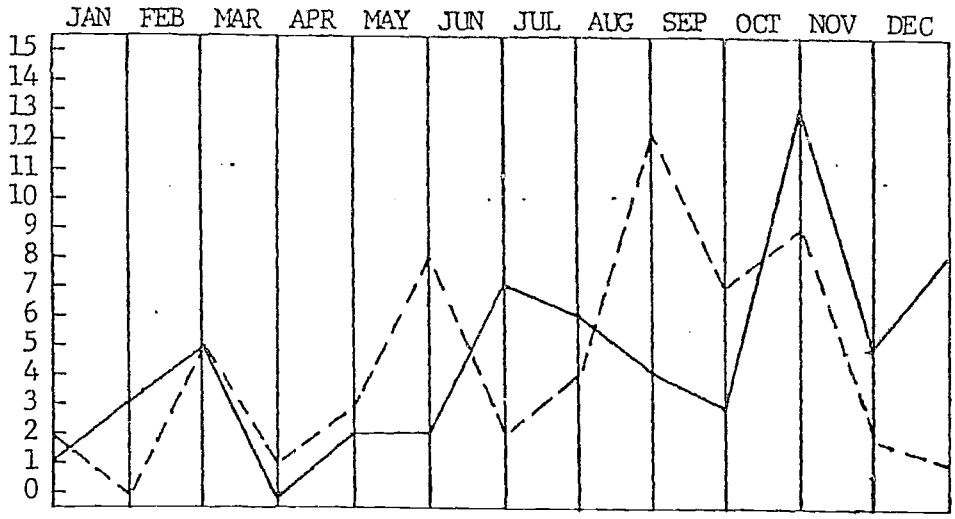
COMPARISON CHART OF CLANDESTINE COCAINE LABS DISMANTLED



Total: 58

Total: 54

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Up 7.4%

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NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - COLOMBIA

For the Month of December 1981

SEIZURES

Agency	Bulk Marihuana	Cocaine HCL	Cocaine Base	Coca Paste	Coca Leaves	Cocaine Labs	(In dosage units) Methaqualone
OAG	---	---	2.2K	400 G	---	6	---
Customs	23.6 MT	3.7 K	---	---	---	---	---
National Police	523.5 MT	4.2 K	---	---	---	2	---
DAS	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Totals This Month	547.1 MT	7.9 K	2.2 K	400 G	---	8	---
Totals This Year	3,309.9 MT	549.0 K	275.5 K	62.2 K	400.0 K	58	66,386,346

ARRESTS

Agency	Colombians	Foreigners	Totals
OAG	6	---	6
Customs	16	4	20
National Police	12	5	17
DAS	---	---	---
Totals This Month	34	9	43
Totals This Year	870	29	899

Legend: OAG = Office of the Attorney General; DAS = Department of Administrative Security; MT = Metric Ton
K = Kilogram; G = Gram (All statistics based on GOC reports.)